of Rajasthan. This SLP challenges the quashing of criminal case No. 468/02 pending before the Court of CJM, Bundi, by the Hon'ble Rajasthan High Court on 18.12.2006. This case against the Company was filed by the Drugs Inspector of Rajasthan on the basis of the test report of injection Dexona, B.No. 8358 manufactured by M/s Cadila Health Care Ltd. Which was found 'not of standard quality'.

Cases of AIDS in Orissa

*125. SHRI B.J. PANDA:

MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that AIDS is spreading its tentacles in coastal districts of Orissa;

(b) whether it is also a fact that one of the causes for its fast spread is the foreign tourists and infiltrators from Bangladesh; and

(c) if so, what is the action plan of the Centre to help the State, both financially and physically, to control this menace?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR ANBUMANI RAMDOSS): (a) to (c) As per the HIV Sentinel Surveillance data, four districts in Orissa namely Anugul, Bolangir, Bhadrak and Ganjaw have been identified as category 'A' districts *i.e.* districts having HIV prevalence of more than 1% among Ante-natal women representing General Population. The probable reasons for spread of HIV infection in Ganjam and Bhadrak, which are coastal districts are (a) large scale out migration to far flung areas like ship breaking, yards in Bhavnagar and various industries in Surat and Gandhi Nagar in Gujarat and Mumbai (b) Number of National Highways and large number of truckers passing through the districts have increased the vulnerability of these districts. However, there is no evidence regarding the spread of HIV in these districts due to foreign tourist and infiltrators from Bangladesh.

In order to check the spread of HIV/AIDS in the state, Government of India had launched the National AIDS Control Programme Phase III, through State AIDS Control Societies with the goal to halt and reverse the epidemic in the couatry over the next 5 years by integrating programmes for prevention, care, support and treatment. However, the primary focus is given to preventive efforts focusing on high risk population consisting of female sex workers, men having sex with men, injectable drug, users truckers and migrant population. In order to make people aware about HIV/AIDS and promote safe behaviours, NACO and State AIDS control Societies conduct regular IEC campaigns through mass media and inter-personal communication channel. During these compaigns, the information regarding availability of counseling and testing services is also provided to the community. A special train (Red Ribbon Express) has been launched on 1 st December, 2007, to spread the HIV/AIDS Awareness messages in various Rural areas. Rupees 15.06 crores have been allocated to Orissa state during the financial year 2007-08 for implementing the programme.

Indo-US initiative on agriculture

*126. SHRI RAHUL BAJAJ:
SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether under the Indo-US initiative on agriculture, US seed companies are being given access to Indian seed gene bank; and

(b) if so, on what terms?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) No Sir.

(b) Question does not arise.

Throwing out of Railway Staff and Passengers from running trains

*127. SHRI RAJEEVCHANDRASEKHAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) how many cases of railway staff and passengers having been thrown out from running trains have been reported during 2007;

(b) the number of railway personnel and others who lost their lives and were seriously injured in such cases;

(c) the action taken against those responsible for such cases; and

(d) the compensation paid to.those who suffered in such cases by Railways and other authorities, cases-wise?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI LALU PRASAD): (a) 09 cases of throwing out of Railway staff and passengers were reported over Indian Railways during the year 20Q7;

(b) 05 persons lost their lives, 02 persons suffered injuries and 02 Railway employees suffered injuries in these incidents.

(c) All the cases have been registered by the concerned Government Railway Police under . the provisions of Indian Penal Code. In all, 34 persons have been arrested and prosecuted by concerned Government Railway Police.

(d) Compensation is paid only after a decree is awarded on a claim filed in this regard in the Railway Claims Tribunal. So far, no decree has been awarded.

Bird-flu Cases

♦128. SHRI K.CHANDRANPILLAI:
SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether cases of bird-flu have been reported from various parts of the country;